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## Young Americans Urged to Help Overcome Hunger

James Ingram, executive director of the World Food Program of the United Nations, called on the people of the United States, especially its youth, to rededicate themselves to overcoming hunger and malnutrition in poorer countries throughout the world.

Ingram was the keynote speaker at the U.S. World Food Day program at the Department on October 14. More than 150 countries sponsored similar activities which each year mark the 1945 founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization.



Deputy Secretary Peter Myers congratulates Deputy Director Beverly King, Food Distribution Division, on the attractive exhibit that was on display in the Administration Building Patio as part of World Food Day.

"The World Food Program has been able to commit \$11.7 billion in support of projects which have directly benefitted more than 300 million people over the 25 years of its existence," said Ingram.

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## Social Security Tax Increases for 1989

In 1989, the maximum amount of annual earnings subject to FICA and HIT is increasing from \$45,000.00 to \$48,000.00.

The FICA tax rate will remain at 7.51 percent in 1989. As a result of the increase in the earnings ceiling, the maximum FICA tax paid by an employee will increase to \$3,604.80 per year.

The HIT rate will also remain at 1.45 percent. The maximum HIT paid by an employee will be \$696 per year in 1989.

NFC will automatically begin withholding the FICA and HIT taxes from gross wages for pay period 26 (12/18/88 to 12/31/88) which will be paid on January 12, 1989. No action on the part of employees is necessary.

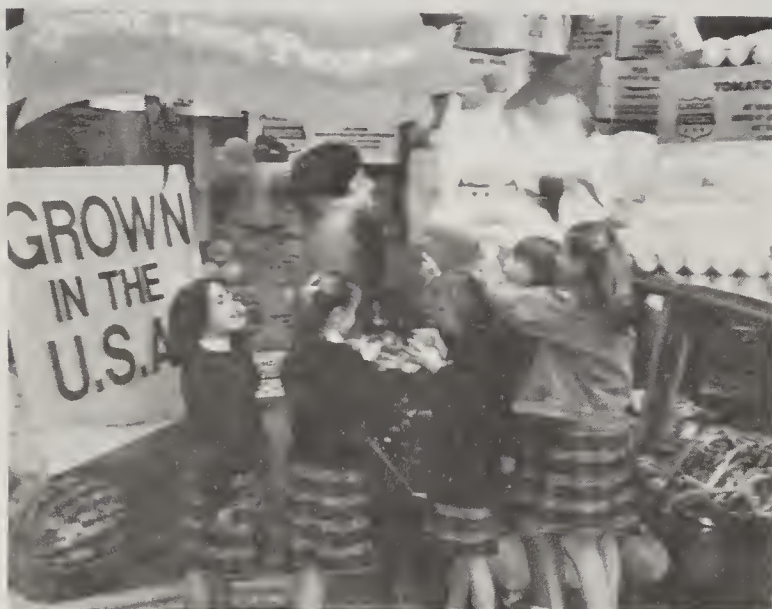
-Story by Edna Alford  
Personnel Division

## Brooks Selected FNS' Outstanding Employee With Disability

In a Department ceremony on October 12, Assistant Secretary John J. Franke presented a certificate of recognition to Angela L. Brooks, a clerk-typist in the Information Resources Management Section of Financial Management in SERO. Brooks was selected FNS' awardee for the Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) Presidential Awards for Outstanding Federal Employees with Disabilities because of her commitment to excellence, her ability to respond to changing priorities, and her skill in word processing.

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Students from Washington area Potomac School stop by FNS' exhibit to learn about foods in the National School Lunch Program.

He said that for developing countries, "it is absolutely essential to make good use of the talents and energies of young people." Over half of the population in developing countries is under 21, with well over a billion between the ages of 5 and 16. More than half the population is employed in agriculture, as compared to only 3 percent in the United States, he said.

Efforts to encourage U.S. youth groups to establish "linkages" with counterparts or school classes in developing countries are already underway, said William C. Bailey, deputy under secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs, who also spoke at the ceremony.

For example, Bailey said about 40 Sierra Leone farmers will take part in a seminar on how to make an inexpensive version of a western-style fishing lure out of scrap metal, a stick, and three fishhooks. The homemade lure will be used to catch 3-to-5 pound Nile perch in the rivers of Sierra Leone, providing fish to supplement the diets of the subsistence farmers. Bailey said the seminar was made possible by contributions from fifth grade students at the Washington area's Potomac School and a 4-H program in Indiana, home of

the Peace Corps volunteer who initially suggested the project.

Bailey said the United States has made available more than 300 million metric tons of food, with an export value of about \$40 billion, since what has become known as the "Food for Peace" program was created in 1954.

-Story and photos by Linda Boling  
Public Information Staff

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## NET Coordinators Meet in Alexandria

The National Association of State Nutrition Education and Training (NET) Coordinators recently met in Alexandria, Virginia. They were welcomed by Stanley Garnett, assistant deputy administrator, Special Nutrition Programs.

Suzanne Harris, deputy assistant secretary for Food and Consumer Services, reviewed the nutrition education activities of the Department which are carried out by eight USDA agencies. Harris also commended the coordinators for helping teachers, school food service personnel, and children to become better informed about the connection between diet and health.

Patricia Daniels, chief, Nutrition Science and Education Branch, Nutrition and Technical Services Division (NTSD), addressed current issues affecting NET and the technical assistance being provided by headquarters and regional office staffs.

Other presentations included Marshall Matz, American School Food Service Association, Washington Counsel, on the legislative process, and Victor Marton, Copyright Public Information Office, Library of Congress, on copyright law.

The NET Program's 10th anniversary was celebrated at a luncheon with a special birthday cake decorated with the NET

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logo. Thirteen coordinators who have worked with NET since its beginning, in 1978, were awarded USDA certificates of appreciation by Joseph Shepherd, director, NTSD. All coordinators with less than 10 years' service were recognized with letters of appreciation.



Certificates of appreciation were presented for 10 years' service to NET. From left to right: Loris Freier, North Dakota; Anita Ellis, West Virginia; Rebekah Sapp, West Virginia; Monya Geller, Massachusetts; Patricia Daniels, chief, NSEB, NTSD; Joseph Shepherd, director, NTSD; Claudette Nelson, Michigan; Jean Jones, Ohio; Barbara Kalina, Minnesota; and Carolyn Trivette, Louisiana. Not present: Amanda Mellinger, California; Len Tritsch, Oregon; Florence Clements, Delaware; Patricia Keyes, Mississippi; and Helen Minns, Tennessee.



Rebecca Gardner, New York, president of the National Association of State NET Coordinators, cuts the first slice of cake celebrating 10 years of NET while Patricia Daniels, NTSD branch chief, looks on.

-Story by Martha Poolton  
NIS Division  
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The month of October was designated as National Disability Employment Awareness Month by Presidential Proclamation. The OPM award recognizes federal employees with disabilities who have given exemplary service to their agencies, to their communities, or to the Nation.

The employee's supervisor is also recognized. In this case, Ralph Anzur also received a certificate of appreciation for promoting a climate of career growth in helping Brooks reach her potential.



Pictured left to right are: Associate Administrator Sonia Crow, Ralph Anzur, Angela Brooks, and Assistant Secretary Franke.

-Story by Jeri Barnes  
Personnel Division  
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## MARO Observes Hispanic Heritage Week

Employees in MARO began a voyage through Hispanic culture recently onboard a ship bound for the New World. Listing from side to side, they headed for Puerto Rico with Christopher Columbus.

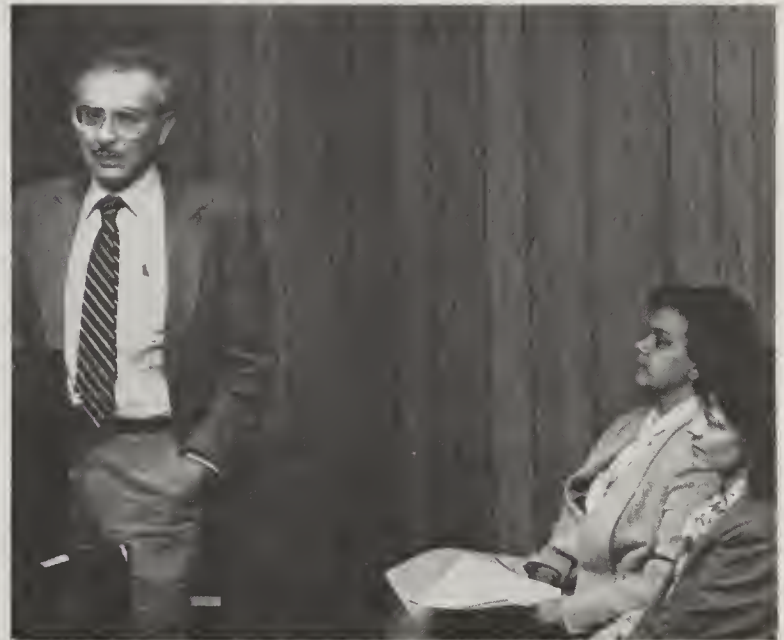
Actually, thanks to Sara Vazquez-Negron, MARO's Hispanic Employment Program

manager, they learned about Latin American countries through a film and stories from guests during the region's commemoration of Hispanic heritage.

Jaime Rivera, director of the Caribbean Area Office, presented the history of Puerto Rico by video tape, from Columbus' discovery of the island in 1493 to its recognition as a self-governing country 460 years later.

Esther Santana, an international sales representative from a small local business, took MARO staffers through South America and Mexico. The former high school Spanish teacher shared her thoughts as to why she, an older American woman, has been successful in making presentations and sales to government officials in Latin America. She encouraged the audience to accept challenges and consider making changes in their lives.

The travel itinerary concluded with a side trip to Spain hosted by Peter Santos, assistant regional administrator. During his two-hour presentation, Santos, who has lived in Spain, talked about how the country has influenced Latin America. His colorful vacation slides captured the countryside and famous works of art.



Peter Santos talks to employees about certain paintings which hang at El Prado, a museum in Madrid.

-Story and photo by Marian Wig  
MARO Public Affairs Staff



## NERO Initiates Warehouse Training Conference



It's back to school lunch for NERO's Special Nutrition Programs Director John Magnarelli. The occasion was a luncheon at the Pelham Memorial School in Pelham, New Hampshire, for those attending NERO's Warehouse Training Conference. The school's food service staff prepared a lunch of USDA commodities.

In its first Food Distribution Warehouse Training Conference, NERO brought together warehouse personnel and USDA and state staffs to discuss steps and procedures to follow in conducting warehouse reviews.

"The conference provided us with a chance to bring everybody together so that we can all be reading from the same book," said Steve Stathopoulos, NERO, Food Distribution chief.

Held in Nashua, New Hampshire, the conference included warehouse personnel, state and federal field reviewers, New York Summer and Child-Care Office personnel, staff from the Massachusetts State Office on Aging, and representatives from NERO's two new commodity supplemental food programs in New York and New Hampshire.

Key speaker Jerry Stein, special assistant to the director, Food Distribution Division, led a discussion of warehousing practices. Other topics were the basic ingredients of a good warehouse contract, standards of warehouse inspections related to food

safety assurance, standards of sanitation, and ways to prevent health hazards.

Also included was a trip to the Pelham, New Hampshire, school district where participants were treated to a lunch of USDA commodities. For many, this was their first "taste-testing" of school lunch.

The conference culminated in a field trip to a local warehouse to apply what was learned.

-Story and photo by  
NERO Public Affairs Staff

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## MWRO Kicks Off CFC Campaign

MWRO Administrator Monroe Woods (third from left) helped kick off the 1988 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) for the Chicago area on October 6 at an outdoor rally in Chicago's Federal Plaza. Joining him on the platform were (left to right) Chicago's WBBM-TV anchorman Bill Kurtis; Ed Rivera, senior vice president, United Way/Crusade of Mercy; and Hank Yario, meteorologist, National Weather Service. Last year MWRO employees contributed nearly \$6,000 to CFC, a 10-percent increase over the previous year. According to MWRO Field Operations Director and Regional USDA Agency CFC Chairperson, Leonard Mart, Chicago area federal employees contributed more than \$2 million during last year's campaign.



-Story and photo by Lawrence Rudmann  
MWRO Public Affairs Staff



## Job Opportunities

FNS is seeking to fill the vacant positions listed below. To be considered for one of them, submit an up-to-date SF-171, Application for Federal Employment, and current performance appraisal to the appropriate personnel office. If you are interested in a headquarters position, apply to the Operations Branch, Personnel Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Alexandria, Virginia

22302. Apply directly to headquarters office for all GM-14 and 15 positions. For regional positions, apply directly to the regional office. For details on the requirements for any of the positions listed below, consult the official vacancy announcement. These are posted on designated bulletin boards or copies can be obtained from the appropriate regional or headquarters personnel office.

### Friday Letter Vacancy Listing By Vacancy Number

JOB TITLE	AREA OF CONSID.	SERIES	GRADE	CLOSING DATE	VACANCY NUMBER	OFFICE LOCATION
o Secretary (Typg)	(G)	GS-318	5	12/19/88	89-25	PED
o Mgmt Analyst	(A)	GS-343	5/7	12/19/88	89-27	ASD
o Secretary (Typg)	(A)	GS-318	6	12/27/88	89-29	PED
o Food Prog Spec	(A)	GS-120	9/11	12/27/88	89-30	FDD
o Nutritionist	(A)	GS-630	9/11	12/27/88	89-31	NTSD
o Food Prog Spec	(FNS-HQ)	GS-120	9/11	12/27/88	89-32	FDD
o Food Prog Spec	(G)	GS-120	9/11	12/27/88	89-33	FDD
o Nutritionist	(A)	GS-630	11/12	12/27/88	89-34	NTSD
o Financial Manager	(G)	GM-504	14	01/31/89	89-35	NERO
o Mgmt. Analyst	(G)	GS-343	7	01/03/89	89-36	IRMD
o Mgmt. Analyst	(G)	GS-343	7	01/03/89	89-36A	IRMD
o Personnel Mgmt Spec	(G)	GS-201	7/9/11/12	01/03/89	89-37	PED
o Secretary Typing	(G)	GS-318	5/6	01/03/89	89-38	IRMD

#### Office Location

PED - Personnel Division  
 ASD - Administrative Services Div  
 NTSD - Nutrition & Tech Serv Div  
 IRMD - Information Resources Mgmt Div  
 FDD - Food Distribution Division  
 NERO - Northeast Regional Office  
 (Boston, MA)

#### Area of Consideration

(FNS-HQ)- Food & Nutrition Service  
 Headquarters  
 (A) - All Sources  
 (G) - Governmentwide

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